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Notes on Complex Sentences: Adverb Clauses

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ADVERB CLAUSE INDEPENDENT CLAUSE

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INDEPENDENT CLAUSE ADVERB CLAUSE

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